

Remarks

Claims 1, 2, 5, 7-16, 19-21, and 23 had been presented. Claims 1, 2, 5, 7-16, 19-21, and 23 were rejected for the reasons detailed below. Applicants have amended claims 1, 5, 7, 15, 16, 19-21, and 23 and have cancelled claim 2. After the amendments and cancellations, claims 1, 5, 7-16, 19-21, and 23 are pending. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration.

Telephonic Interview of May 29, 2007

Applicants thank the Examiner for the telephonic interview conducted on May 29, 2007. During this interview, Applicants and the Examiner discussed the 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, rejections of independent claims 1, 5, 15, 19, and 20. These rejections had not been made previously, but were made for the first time in a final rejection. Applicant's position was that the claim as pending provided sufficient notice of the claimed elements. However, Applicants agreed to submit the amendments included above to more clearly articulate the elements of the claim. In addition, Applicants agreed to incorporate the limitations of dependent claim 2 into claim 1 and to incorporate similar limitations in claims 5, 15, 19, and 20.

Applicants and the Examiner also discussed the 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) rejection based on U.S. Patent Application No. US 2003/0118015 (herein Gunnarsson et al.) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,538,561 (herein Angus). Applicants explained that, as set forth in Applicant's response dated December 18, 2006, one having ordinary skill in the art would not be motivated to make the combination proposed by the Examiner because Angus teaches a data communication network for minimizing toll-charge dependent links and methods of operation, while Gunnarsson et al. are not at all concerned with how messages are routed in a communication network.

Applicants and the Examiner discussed the 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, rejections of independent claim 7. Applicant's position was that the claim as pending provided sufficient notice of the claimed elements. However, Applicants agreed to submit the amendments included above to more clearly define the elements of the claim. In addition, Applicants provide support below for the limitation "sending information to a control point of the WLAN to authorize the wireless device to utilize a service through the WLAN", as requested by the Examiner.

The Examiner agreed to reconsider the allowability of amended independent claims 1, 5, 7, 15, 19, and 20. The Examiner suggested that these amendments would overcome the prior art

of record, but indicated that any review would be subject to a new search, if deemed necessary by the Examiner.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph

As mentioned above, claims 1, 5, 7, 15, 19, and 20 have been amended as suggested by the Examiner to address the rejections that the claims are indefinite.

Support for the limitation "sending information to a control point of the WLAN to authorize the wireless device to utilize a service through the WLAN" can be found at least at paragraphs 9, 10, 27, 33, and 40 of the published application (US 2003/0142641) as well as FIG 5A.

Conclusion

All claims should now be in condition for allowance, and accordingly a notice of allowance is respectfully requested. If there are any remaining issues, the examiner is urged to contact applicant's attorney at the telephone number listed below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency associated with this submission, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-0219.

In the event that an extension of time is required in addition to that requested in a petition for an extension of time, the Commissioner is requested to grant a petition for that extension of which is required to make this response timely, and is hereby authorized to charge any fee for such, to deposit account number 08-0219.

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